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TO: Executive Directors
Program Directors

FROM: John Viernes, Jr.
Director

SUBJECT: **ORGANIZATIONAL NAME CHANGE**

This is to share with you that effective immediately the Department of Public Health (DPH) is changing the organizational name of the Alcohol and Drug Program Administration to the Substance Abuse Prevention and Control. DPH is making this change to reflect our program's broad responsibilities with respect to assuring high quality treatment services along with preventing and reducing substance abuse using public health measures.

Along with the name change, there will be ongoing administrative and organizational changes in order to fulfill the Board of Supervisors' mandate to re-solicit all service contracts. We will continue to keep you apprised of such changes as these arise.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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